

a referencing error process if the extracted information is not the same as that pre-stored in said validity check field.

3. The method as set forth in Claim 2, further comprising
5 the step of:

d) storing a linked Internet address, an object index number, an object class number or an object locator in said location data field.

10 4. An apparatus for checking a link validity in a computer network, comprising storage means having a validity check field for storing last modified timestamp information indicative of a last modification time of each object and/or latest version information of each object, whereby said
15 apparatus is adapted to check the validity of a link using information pre-stored in said validity check field upon creating the link.

5. The apparatus as set forth in Claim 4, wherein said
20 information pre-stored in said validity check field includes last modified timestamp information indicative of a last modification time of each object and/or latest version information of each object.